

# BASHERT'S BI-WEEKLY MAYORAL BULLETIN



Check it out: Designed by Elize Jakobson, more readable format, links that work (at least we think so), and just plain nicer.



## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

- April 2: Interview with Frances McMullan, currently acting City Manager. Interview for consideration to take on City Manager position officially
- April 2: Interview with Andrew Hellenga, currently acting City Clerk. Interview for consideration to take on City Clerk position officially
- The Budget is currently with staff, who are putting the first draft of it together. This will include the proposed staff changes, equipment purchases and capital improvements
- April 16: The DNR is coming to give a presentation about the impact that removing the dam at Peninsular Park will have on the river and many of its denizens (fish, yes, but also animals in the habitat)

## FOLLOW UP ON PAST COUNCIL BUSINESS

Medical Marijuana: The laws and processes at the state level are evolving quickly. Municipalities like us struggle to try to keep up. As the laws and processes for recreational marijuana production, sales, etc., start to come together, I expect we will have yet more changes that will impact our businesses and suppliers. Please continue to be patient with our staff as they work with this 'dynamic' situation. With time, the state will hopefully put in place some effective systems and rules. Watch this space--we will keep you informed.

## COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE

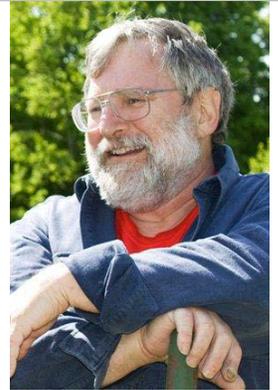
Last Fall, Washtenaw County passed a Mental Health and Public Safety Millage. Since the passage of the Millage, I have heard from many citizens and groups asking about the mental health portion and how that money is being used. I am happy to share with you today some great information about the new mental health programs and goals Washtenaw County has implemented.

[This is a powerpoint](#) and is intended to be presented along with verbal commentary, so it is slightly limited due to this newsletter format. That said, I hope you are as excited as I am to see some of the strong work the County is doing to increase both the quality and speed of services in our community for people struggling with mental illness. Enjoy!

## PETE MURDOCK UPDATE

As you might already know, Pete Murdock is struggling with cancer. He is at home and resting as comfortably as one can with a severe illness such as he has.

I am pleased to tell you that, despite his illness, he is just as feisty as ever and is glad to hear about and comment on City business. Pete and Grace have had strong community support, as you might expect from Ypsilantians.



Pete sends his 'hello' to folks. He is resting comfortably and is not in pain. He misses being at Council, not to mention the multitude of other meetings he would be attending if he were not ill. He was proud to show me some letters and resolutions commending him for his many years of work and service to our community; they mean a lot to him.

## NEWS FROM GROWING HOPE BY DAYNA POPKEY

Two more indoor markets to go! Join local farmers and vendors at the market on April 9th and 23rd from 3-7 at 16 S Washington. There's still time to sign up as a vendor for the outdoor market season starting in May! If interested, send an email to [market@growinghope.net](mailto:market@growinghope.net). Are you starting a business, or curious about free resources available? On Monday April 1st, attend a FREE class to learn about the WCC Entrepreneurship Center. More info and registration here:

[Building Blocks: WCC Entrepreneurship Center Workshop](#)

## JOB POSTING: HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

**Date: March 22, 2019**

**Effective March 29, 2019**, the City of Ypsilanti will have a regular full-time position available for:

**POSITION CLASSIFICATION:** Heavy Equipment Operator

**LOCATION OF POSITION:** Department of Public Services

**GENERAL SUMMARY** Under the direction of a crew leader, this skilled position requires an individual to operate heavy construction equipment used in the DPW. The person is a responsible senior employee completing tasks within acceptable departmental guidelines, and uses equipment within its designed capabilities. This person may instruct other employees in completing assigned tasks. Position also performs the tasks of equipment operator.

**PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES** - Operates heavy equipment with a GVW in excess of 25,000 pounds or more such as the backhoe, loader, sweeper, vactor jet and similar equipment that has specialized functions - Coordinates work activity with coworkers to insure the safe completion of a task - Performs daily safety/equipment inspections and maintenance with minor repairs - Communicates with citizens on work projects - Operates additional departmental equipment from small hand tools to five yard dump trucks with snow plows and salters in simultaneous operation - Maintains and repairs City properties, streets and infrastructure to include, but not limited to, snow plowing, salting, patching of streets, cement repairs alley maintenance, drainage maintenance, mowing berms and brush and leaf pick-up - Rebuilds/constructs structures such as sidewalks, street curbs, guard rails, manholes, drainage basins and similar items - Performs a daily visual inspection of assigned vehicle and assigned equipment, and

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refers obvious defects and needed repairs to supervisor, prior to the execution of daily tasks - Washes vehicles and equipment as assigned - Maintains proper radio or other communications with the office to receive or report variances to standard operations - Performs all duties in conformance to appropriate safety and security standards - Responds to emergencies at all hours and in any weather condition - Performs related work as assigned within the general knowledge, skills and abilities set forth.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES** A high school diploma or equivalent, and one year of experience in the Department, or the equivalent combination of experience and training to provide for the following knowledge, skills and abilities: - Possess and maintain a valid Michigan driver's license, with a CDL Class B endorsement - Knowledge of basic chemical compounds, gases and mixture hazards - Knowledge of City street system and municipal park and general properties - Ability to perform the operation and care of equipment where multiple, simultaneous tasks are required - Ability to communicate to include reading and writing instructions and interpreting safety guidelines to plan a work activity for coordination with coworkers - Ability to lift and carry materials in excess of 50 pounds while in a bending, stooping or other non-upright position on a frequent basis - Ability to tolerate physical stress for driving or walking in excess of eight hours/day - Ability to work alone or in a small work group - Ability to communicate with citizens and supervisors to discuss work activity - Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with supervisors, coworkers, municipal officials and the general public

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS** The physical demands characterized here epitomize those that must be met by an employee to properly perform the integral functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. In order to properly perform the integral functions of this job, the employee is frequently required to: stand, walk or sit, talk or hear, climb or balance, stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl. Also, the employee will frequently be required to use hands to finger, handle or feel objects and to reach with hands and arms. The employee occasionally will be required to lift objects or exert a force equal to that of 100 pounds. Vision requirements for this position include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and the ability to adjust focus.

**WORKING CONDITIONS** - Works in strenuously physical conditions to include extreme cold or heat, inclement weather and night conditions for periods in excess of eight hours - Exposure to material and equipment that requires specific and detailed safety use to prevent physical injury to self and others as provided in a standard body of safety rules and regulations Any employee interested in applying for this position must provide a resume, cover letter and complete an application. Materials must be returned to Human Resources by **5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 29, 2019. EOE**

[See All City of Ypsilanti Job Openings here](#)

## YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOL CHOIR TAKES NEW YORK BY STORM BY CRYSTAL HARDING

The Ypsilanti Community High School Choir visited New York City March 15-19. On Monday, March 18, they performed a set at the largest church in the country, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, where they were asked for an encore. Later that afternoon, they performed in the CODA Choral Festival at Carnegie Hall, alongside such prestigious choirs as the Morehouse Glee Club. Their performance was met with a standing ovation. While in NYC, the choir also visited the Statue of Liberty, American Museum of Natural History, the World Trade Center, NBC Studios, and they saw a Broadway musical. The trip was funded by the Ypsilanti Choral Association and generous donations from the community at large.

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## FIRST FRIDAYS YPSILANTI SEASON KICK-OFF!

First Fridays kicks off its 6th year April 5! Its description as a self guided art tour really just begins to scratch the surface of what this evening is like.

Live musicians and artists, packed restaurants, open galleries, people celebrating Ypsilanti everywhere you can imagine... I hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

Thirty four businesses are opening their doors to do something special and free for everyone to enjoy! Check out the listing and the map on the [facebook event page](#).

**HIGHLIGHTED UPCOMING EVENTS:**



**PRIDE:**

**Earth Day Ypsi 3**  
 Sunday 4/14/19 3-7pm  
 Cultivate Coffee & Taphouse  
 307 N. River St.  
[FB Event Page](#)

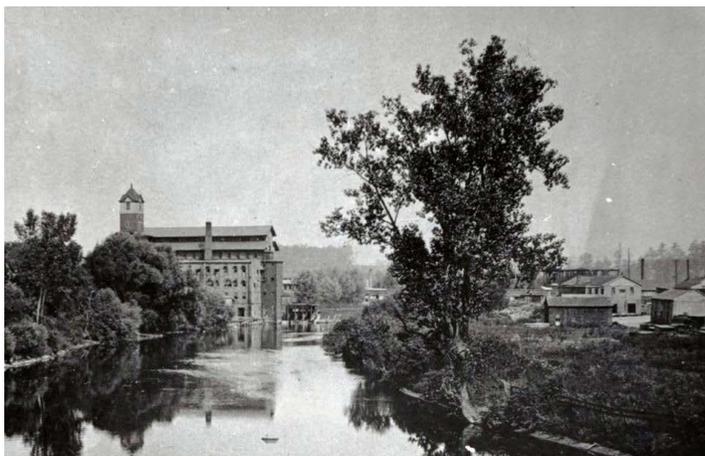
Earth Day: Yes! We ARE a community of Tree Huggers! Put on your hugging gear and come on down to Cultivate for a great gathering of ideas, energy, and other like minded people.

**DIVERSITY:**

**47th Annual Dance for Mother Earth Powwow**  
 3/30- 3/31 10am-8pm  
 Skyline High School  
 2252 N. Maple Rd. Ann Arbor  
[FB Event Page](#)



The Native American Student Association invites you to the 47th Annual Dance for Mother Earth Powwow on Saturday March 30 and Sunday March 31. Welcome dancers, drummers, craftspeople, and artists! Welcome to all those interested in a weekend-long celebration of Native American culture.



**HERITAGE:**

**Social History of the Huron River Talk:**  
 Saturday 4/13/19 1-3pm  
 Riverside Arts Center,  
 76 N. Huron St.  
[FB Event Page](#)

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## Social History of the Huron River

I am becoming a fan of historian Matt Seigfried and his programs. Check this out:  
 A spring talk about Ypsilanti's place on the Huron River! Historian Matt Siegfried presents on how the River has shaped the lives of the peoples who have lived here. From work to play, as a connector and a divider, as a means of transportation and a means of staying, the Huron River has played many roles in defining the lives lived by its banks. We will look at how the River and its watershed were seen and used by indigenous peoples, through the American settlement with its speculation, drainage, its mills and mill workers, its industry, political and economic power, plus the fight over rights to the River, its pollution and emergence as a place of recreation, as well as the historic class differences between the west and east side neighborhoods of Ypsilanti, and many other topics. The talk is FREE and open to all. If you have a group, please contact me. For more information please email [msiegfr@gmail.com](mailto:msiegfr@gmail.com).



## IN COMMUNITY,

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## READING THIS OFFLINE?

Here's a list of links I mentioned in the articles above.

COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE Powerpoint:

<https://www.cityofypsilanti.com/DocumentCenter/View/1916/CARES-Team-Presentation-32019-2-002>

Building Blocks: WCC Entrepreneurship Center Workshop

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-blocks-wcc-entrepreneurship-center-workshop-tickets-56374179689?aff=efbeventtix&fbclid=IwAR0p8lw3X5XsYl6WWqkB7x\\_BUEGho8Qel2\\_a0Z3zLRDIQb7yTk1OvTnkndk](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-blocks-wcc-entrepreneurship-center-workshop-tickets-56374179689?aff=efbeventtix&fbclid=IwAR0p8lw3X5XsYl6WWqkB7x_BUEGho8Qel2_a0Z3zLRDIQb7yTk1OvTnkndk)

City of Ypsilanti Job Postings

<https://cityofypsilanti.applicantpool.com/jobs/>

First Fridays Ypsilanti Season Kick-Off

<https://www.facebook.com/events/818847325115829/>

Earth Day Ypsi 3

<https://www.facebook.com/events/298205654203362/>

47th Annual Dance for Mother Earth Powwow

<https://www.facebook.com/events/567267147070261/>

Social History of the Huron River Talk:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1281029128703010/>